



# *Fort Hood Retirement Services Newsletter*

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By Fort Hood Retirement Services

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## **Notes From The Commanding General And Command Sergeant Major III Corps and Fort Hood**

Every summer we take time to remember what makes our Country so great. We remember not only how our great Nation came to be, but also those who made that dream possible, and those who continued to guard our freedom from that day forward. Your unique experiences and unwavering support are great assets to Fort Hood and Central Texas and I am proud to have so many that have done so much to keep our Nation free in our community.

Each of you are invaluable members of our community actively and regularly contributing to Fort Hood and Central Texas. Your experience and dedication help to make Fort Hood the best military installation in the United States and Central Texas, our Nation's finest military community, and we are all indebted to each of you for all you have done and continue to do.

Today's generation of Soldiers is doing their part to preserve our way of life and I continue to be astounded at their accomplishments. They are faced with obstacles few before them have faced in Nations that have only known tyranny and chaos, and still they continue to succeed in helping rid the world of international terrorism. I am proud of the Soldiers we are privileged to have here at Fort Hood and I encourage each of you to get to know this generation of men and women who are sacrificing so much for their Country as many of you have in years past.

Sincerely, LTG Raymond Odierno, Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood  
CSM Neil Ciotola, Command Sergeant Major, III Corps and Fort Hood

*A Proud Salute to America's Armed Forces  
Retired, Still Serving!*

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Agenda

### 27 OCTOBER 2006

0800 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE	BLDG 1001, 2D FLOOR
0900 - ? ?	RETIREE GOLF TOURNAMENT	COURSES OF CLEAR CREEK
1000 – 1400	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010
1500 – 1600	RETREAT CEREMONY	VAN FLEET HALL (FLAGPOLE)

### 28 OCTOBER 2006

0700 – 0845	OLE TIMERS BREAKFAST “DUTCH TREAT”	FORT HOOD CATERING AND CONF CTR (FHCCC) BLDG 5764
0800 – 0845	REGISTRATION AND UPDATES	FHCCC
0900 –	OPENING CEREMONY	FHCCC, MAIN BALLROOM
0915 – 0945	WELCOME ADDRESS	CG / REPRESENTATIVE
0945 – 0950	PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS	MR. GREEN, DIR, HR/IAG
0950 – 0955	PRESENTATION OF RETIREE COUNCIL	LTG (RET) TAYLOR CHAIRMAN, RETIREE COUNCIL
0955 – 1010	RETIREMENT PAY PRESENTATION	REP, DFAS-CL
1010 – 1045	GUEST SPEAKER	SMA(RET) ROBERT E. HALL
1045 – 1100	ADMIN ANNOUNCEMENTS/DOOR PRIZES	LTG (RET) TAYLOR
1100 – 1400	COUNTY FAIR ACTIVITIES	FHCCC
0900 – 1500	HEALTH FAIR, DACH (DENTAL SCREENING AVAILABLE)	Charles T. Moore Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761 <sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave
1100 – 1600	ID CARD ISSUE & DEERS TRANSACTIONS	BLDG 18010
1100 – 1600	COMBAT RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION (CRSC) APPLICATION ASSISTANCE	BLDG 18010
1100 – 1600	LEGAL ASSISTANCE (WILLS, POA, ETC)	BLDG 1001 2D FLOOR
1130 - 1400	LUNCH (EXTENDED HOURS)	THEODORE ROOSEVELT DFAC BLDG 9205
1200 – 1600	MUSEUMS (1 <sup>ST</sup> CAV & 4 <sup>TH</sup> INF DIV)	1CD & 4ID
1400- 1500	1 <sup>ST</sup> CAV HORSE DETACHMENT DEMONSTRATION	1CD HORSE STABLES
1730 - ??	RETIREE ROUND UP DINNER SPONSORED BY THE GREATER KILLEEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	FHCCC BLDG 5764 MAIN BALLROOM

\*Bus Transportation will be provided to events planned on Saturday, 28 October 2006, from the FHCCC.

\*\*NOTE NAME CHANGE OF FORT HOOD OFFICERS CLUB TO FORT HOOD CATERING AND CONFERENCE CENTER (FHCCC) \*\*

### **A Note From The Garrison Commander**

As we continue to combat the Global War on Terrorism, I want to extend my thanks to you for your support and service. Your contributions to our Army Emergency Relief Campaign blew me away, \$89,071.00. Thanks to you; Soldiers, their families, and fellow retirees can face their emergencies just a bit easier. Once a Soldier, Marine, Airman, Sailor, or Coastie; always a Soldier, Marine, Airman, Sailor or Coastie. This current great generation knows it owes all of you a debt of gratitude and is repaying it by gallant service as we persevere and continue combat against the Global War on Terrorism. This year October 27 & 28, 2006, Fort Hood opens its gates to all retirees and their families to show our appreciation for your great sacrifices and dedication. We salute you today and every day and thank you for forging the path for our military presently fighting to preserve our freedom that you also so fervently defended. We look forward to seeing you at Retiree Appreciation Day. Come out and enjoy all of the activities!

Sincerely, Colonel Victoria M. Bruzese, Fort Hood Garrison Commander

### **A Note From The Director, Human Resources/Installation Adjutant General**

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank you many veterans, spouses and family members for your attendance at this year's Annual Retiree Appreciation Day celebration. Your many contributions, sacrifices, heroism and dedication to our Armed Services are without a doubt the reasons for America's freedom. Fort Hood has again opened its doors to you great Americans and we sincerely hope you enjoy your visit to the "Great Place." If you have any suggestions to improve this event, please do not hesitate to inform myself or my staff. Ms. Beth Waller has worked many hours to ensure your needs and services are met to the highest standards. Our intent is to improve this event each year and your input does make a difference. Again, it is our honor and pleasure to welcome you back to the Central Texas area.

Sincerely, Mr. Charles E. Green, Sr., Director, Human Resources  
and Installation Adjutant General

### **Retirement Services Office Location**

The Retirement Services Office is located in Building 18010, Room B118, on Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Retirement Services Office provides information and assistance on matters pertaining to retired personnel. You are encouraged to write, call, or visit the Retirement Services Office. For assistance with Combat Related Special Compensation Applications, please call for an appointment prior to coming in so you will have the supporting documentation needed to complete the application. Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 0800-1130 and 1230-1600 hours, Friday, 0830-1130 and 1230-1600 hours. We are closed Training and Federal Holidays. Telephone (254) 287-5210 or (254) 287-3368 or 1-800-403-6640.

### **New Fort Hood Retiree Services Website**

You can find additional websites, forms, and information by going to the Fort Hood Homepage ([www.hood.army.mil](http://www.hood.army.mil)) click on Fort Hood Garrison and then click on Retiree Services or go to [www.hood.army.mil/ag](http://www.hood.army.mil/ag) and click on AG Agencies and select Retiree Services for more information.

## **Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information**

### ***Retired Military Golf Tournament***

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The Twenty-Fifth Annual Retired Military Golf Tournament will be held Friday, 27 October 2006, 0900 at The Courses of Clear Creek. It is limited to the first 144 entries. Only retired military personnel are eligible to play in this event. The tournament will be individual by flight, shotgun start. The entry fee is \$28.00 per person, includes green fees, cart fees, and \$5.00 towards purchase of prizes. This is a great chance to see some old friends! If interested complete the attached entry form and send it to Business Operations Division, The Courses of Clear Creek, P.O. Box K, Fort Hood, Texas 76544. **For additional information call (254) 287-4130/6921.**

### ***Retreat Ceremony***

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A Retreat Ceremony will be held Friday, 27 October 2006, 1500 hours at the III Corps Headquarters (Flagpole). This ceremony will honor III Corps Soldiers retiring during the month of October. In addition, the Commanding General, III Corps and Fort Hood will recognize the Distinguished Honorary Retiree (to be announced).

### ***Opening Ceremony***

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On 28 October 2006, 0900, the Opening Ceremony will be held at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center Main Ballroom (formerly the Fort Hood Officers Club). This year we are privileged to have Sergeant Major of the Army Robert E. Hall, US Army Retired, as our guest speaker. The opening ceremony will be followed by the County Fair also at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center from 1100 – 1400 hours. You will be able to renew an ID Card and get a Power of Attorney at the County Fair in addition to locations at the Copeland Soldiers Service Center (ID Cards) and III Corps Headquarters (Legal Assistance). Wills can only be done at the III Corps Legal Assistance Office. Also, we will have a representative from Retired Pay (DFAS-CL) attending to answer your pay questions or assist with pay issues.

Don't forget to come early for the Ole Timers Breakfast beginning at 0700!

### ***Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) Health Fair***

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The Health Fair will be at Charles T. Moore Health Clinic, Bldg 2245, 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Bn Ave, 28 October, 0900-1500 hours. As of date, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) expects to have plenty of flu vaccine for the fair. For your convenience, there will be a separate flu shot location for handicapped and disabled beneficiaries. The pneumonia shot and tetanus booster will also be available for those needing these vaccines. Please bring shot records for verification and update. Self Care Classes and Dietary Supplement Classes will also be held at various times through out the day. This year's Health Fair is based on the US Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations for Clinical Preventative Services, and will include a combination of screenings and education.

We are happy to add that this year DENTAC will also provide dental screening services from a Dental Clinic near Moore Health Clinic. A shuttle service will be provided to and from the clinic.

### ***Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Application Assistance***

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Assistance in completing CRSC applications will be available at the Copeland Soldier Service Center, 27 October 2006, 1000 – 1400 hours and Saturday, 28 October, 1100 – 1600 hours. Please bring your DD214, VA Decision Rating Letter (with disability codes) and any other supporting documents you would like to file with the application. Eligible applicants include Retirees who served 20 or more years on Active Duty or Reservists who are at least age 60 (in receipt of retired pay) and are entitled to retired pay that is offset by VA payments; and have at least 10% VA disability rating that is combat-related.

Reservations are not necessary; however, please contact the Fort Hood RSO if you would like to apply on one of these dates so we can have adequate staff members on hand. Please return the enclosed form or call 254-287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640 for more information.

## **Retiree Appreciation Day Event Information (Continued)**

### ***ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions***

ID Card Section will be open for ID Card Issue and DEERS Transactions, 28 October 2006, from 1100 – 1600 hours in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, Bldg 18010. For your convenience two ID Card stations will also be at the County Fair location from 1100 – 1400 hours. See information provided under ID Cards in this newsletter for documents needed or please call 254-287-5670/2518.

### ***Legal Assistance***

Legal Assistance will be available on 27 October 2006 from 0800 – 1600 hours and also on 28 October 2006, 1100 – 1600 hours at the III Corps Headquarters. For your convenience there will also be Legal Assistance available at the County Fair Location from 1100 – 1400 hours for Powers of Attorney only. This is a great time to update wills and Powers of Attorney if needed. For more information please call 254-287-7901/3199

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration***

This year we are delighted the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Detachment will again entertain with their awesome cavalry horse demonstration on 28 October 2006, 1400 hours at the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Horse Stables. Barn tours will also be provided after the conclusion of the demonstration. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museums***

**Both Museums will also be open on Friday and Saturday, 27 & 28 October 2006.  
Come by and see their new displays!**

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum has recently undergone renovation in the main gallery. The museum has new displays for viewing including 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division War on Terrorism Exhibit.

4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division has also recently renovated their displays in their World War I and World War II Building.

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum Hours of Operation: 9 – 4 Monday-Friday & 12 – 4 Sat/Sun  
For More information call 254-287-3626

4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum Hours of Operation: 9 – 4 Monday-Friday; Sat 10 – 4  
Sun & Federal Holidays: 12 – 4 Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's  
For more information call 254-287-8811

### ***Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Round-Up Dinner***

**In conjunction with the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, the Annual Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Retiree Round-Up Dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, October 28, 2006 at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center (FHCCC), Fort Hood, Texas.**

The Social Hour will be from 5:30 - 6:00 pm; Dinner will be at 6:00 pm followed by Door Prize Drawings. Menu for the dinner is Medallions of Tenderloin in rich wine sauce, baked potato, green beans almandine, house salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, coffee, and water.

The dinner ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and must be paid in advance (price includes gratuity). Dress is casual. Persons desiring to attend must fill out the attached application and mail it with a check or money order made out to Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce to arrive no later than **14 October 2005**. Tickets will **not** be mailed to you, but will be available for pick-up as shown on the return form letter.

Your early response will allow us to better plan for the number of persons desiring to attend. Tickets are available first come, first serve, so please mail your application and check or money order today (*no cash please*). No refund can be made after 14 October 2005.

**For more information you may contact the Chamber at 254-526-9551.**

## Hotel Accommodations For Retiree Appreciation Day

Government lodging availability at Fort Hood is limited and subject to change. Retiree Appreciation Day guests requiring overnight lodging will need to personally arrange for hotel or motel accommodations in the civilian communities near Fort Hood. The below list of area motel and hotel information are provided for your convenience. This list was compiled from information in local telephone directories and from lists prepared by the Killeen and Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce. This list does not reflect official endorsements by the United States Army.

Fort Hood Guest House Reservation phone number: 254-532-5157.

### Copperas Cove (9 miles from Fort Hood)

Cactus Inn and Suites

1211 E. Hwy 190

547-4271

Howard Johnson Express Inn

302 W. Hwy 190

547-2345

Relax Inn

1714 W. Hwy 190

542-6615

### Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

Best Western of Killeen

2709 E. Bus. Hwy 190

526-6651

### Killeen (adjacent to Fort Hood)

Amerihost Suite

2506 Trimmier

554-3615

Hallmark Inn and Suites

4500 E. C. Tex Expwy

634-1313

Executive Inn

1601 E.C. Tex Expwy

699-4081

Howard Johnson

803 E.C. Tex Expwy

526-4343

Hampton Inn

2702 O W Curry Drive

554-7110

For additional information on motels in the Killeen and Copperas Cove area, please go to <http://www.gkcc.com/hotels.html> or <http://www.copperascove.com/lodging.htm> for a more complete listing.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ID Cards

#### **Locations**

The Fort Hood ID Card Section is located in Building 18010, Room B115, on the corner of Hood Road and Battalion Avenue. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday: 0730 to 1530; Friday: 0830 to 1500. These hours are subject to change, so if you are coming from out of town, please call us at (254) 287-5670 or (254) 287-2518.

The Customer Service Unit, 301st Fighter Wing (Reserve), Naval Air Station, Fort Worth, is currently issuing ID Cards and vehicle decals for military retirees and their family members. Please call (817) 782-5244 for current hours of operation and additional information.

The Customer Service Unit, Texas Air National Guard, Fort Worth is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. Please call (817) 852-3238 or (817) 852-3239 for hours of operation.

The Customer Service Unit, Seagoville Army Reserve Center is currently issuing ID Cards for military retirees and their family members. They are located at 701 West Simonds Road. Please call (972) 287-8692.

For personnel living in the Austin, Round Rock Georgetown area - You can now obtain your ID Cards/DEERS enrollment at Camp Mabry, Austin. Please call prior at (512) 782-6841.

Now you can update your address information through the Internet at the following website: [www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress](http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress).

**For more locations near you, log on at: [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/uwa/home](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/uwa/home) .**

## **ID Cards (Continued)**

### ***ID Card & DEERS Document Requirements***

All retirees and family members who are in need of a new ID Card because of mutilation, expiration, or loss need to bring the following documents. These documents allow us to verify status in case the ID card computer system shuts down:

- a. Retiree: Retirement orders or DD Form 214
- b. Family members:
  - (1) Retirement orders or DD Form 214
  - (2) Birth certificate (containing both parents name) or court documents signed by a judge, determining sponsor is parent.
  - (3) Marriage certificate or copy (with seal).
  - (4) Letter from college registrar's office stating that the dependent is a full time student taking 12 semester hours or more and expected date of graduation (for dependents age 21 to 23).
  - (5) Divorce decree.
  - (6) Adoption papers.
  - (7) Unmarried surviving spouse must present marriage certificate, death certificate, and birth certificate for surviving children's ID card.
  - (8) To replace lost ID cards requires a picture ID, i.e. drivers license, etc., plus all above documents.
  - (9) Former spouses that qualified for ID card must have members DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for each period of service in addition to above requirements.
  - (10) The signature of the military sponsor is required before issuance of family member's ID cards. The application must be notarized if sponsor is not with family members.

### ***Assistance Letters***

If ID Card holders are medically incapacitated, a current doctor's signed statement on letterhead is required stating that assistance is needed for someone to shop for them, and if the condition is temporary or permanent. The person that will be doing the shopping must accompany the ID Card holder and have some type of picture ID (driver's license, Sam's card, etc.) when coming in for a letter. Only one person is authorized a shopper's letter. Assistant letters are issued for one year at a time or when that person is no longer medically incapacitated, whichever comes first. A current doctor's letter is needed for renewal.

## **Update DEERS Information – TRICARE**

To ensure eligibility for TRICARE benefits, beneficiaries 65 and older must have their current address on file with the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). Update change of addresses on the TRICARE Web site: [www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/). Beneficiaries can also update their DEERS address by:

- Visiting the nearest military personnel office that has an ID card facility.
- Calling the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) telephone center at 1-800-538-9552.
- Mailing the address change to DMDC Support Office, ATTN: Address Updates, 400, Giggling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771 (Please include the Sponsor's SSN in your correspondence.)
- Faxing your change of address to DSO, Attn: COA at (831) 655-8317.
- Sending an e-mail message to [addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil](mailto:addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil). Messages sent should be lower case only and include: the sponsor's name, social security number and telephone number, name(s) of family members affected by the address change, and the start date for the change.
- TRICARE For Life. Once a beneficiary and/or spouse reach age 65, DEERS should be updated to reflect Medicare eligibility with Part A/B on Medicare Card. For issuance of ID Card, Medicare Card must be presented on or after the effective date of Medicare eligibility.

If you need to update other information, contact or visit the nearest military ID card issuing facility to determine the documentation required to make the needed changes. Another option is for beneficiaries to mail or fax the appropriate documentation to the DSO (see above), and include an attention line, Attn: R&A. Requests received without the required documentation are returned unprocessed.

## Casualty Information

### ***Report Deaths Promptly***

The death of retired Army members should be reported to the nearest Army post as soon as possible. This includes Army Reservist and Army National Guard members who are in a paid status. Please report deaths to the Casualty Assistance Office, Building 126, Battalion Avenue, Fort Hood or call (254) 287-7200.

## Veterans Administration (VA) Information

### ***Texas Veterans Commission***

The state of Texas has provided assistance for the veterans, their dependents and survivors since 1927. Ms. Paula Taylor is the counselor at Fort Hood, Texas. Her office is located in the Copeland Soldier Service Center, Bldg 18010, Room A308, phone number (254) 287-3341. She can assist in filing original disability claims as well as reevaluations and amended claims. The TVC also assists the surviving spouse on any Veteran Benefits upon the retirees' death. Casualty cases are handled by appointment. For more information, log on at [www.tvc.tx.us](http://www.tvc.tx.us) or call toll free number at 1-800-252-8387.

## POV Registration

**Good News!** All of your vehicle registration needs (decals and temporary passes) can be handled at the Main Gate of Fort Hood. New hours of operation are **0730 am to 1030 pm**. Retirees may obtain DOD decals for their POV's with the proper documents (listed below). You may also start the process by e-mail. For information on this process, additional questions, and after hours procedures, please call 254-288-2865.

### ***Vehicle Registration Requirements for DOD Decals and Temporary pass***

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) Current Drivers License    | 2) Military (Retired) ID Card   |
| 3) Proof of current insurance | 4) Current Vehicle Registration |

If vehicle registration is not in your name or spouse, you will need a notarized letter with the following information: Vehicle Information: Make, Model, Year, Vehicle Identification Number, License Plate Number, Color of Vehicle and Time Period (i.e. indefinite, 3years, 30 days).

## Army Emergency Relief (AER)

The AER Program plays an important role in helping the Army "Take Care of its Own." AER provides financial assistance to Soldiers, active and retired, and their family members during valid emergencies. You may contribute to AER at anytime. For more information, please call the Fort Hood Army Community Services AER office at 288-5003 or log on at <http://www.hood.army.mil/acs/frb.html#aer>.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Retirees and family members, the Fort Hood Community Volunteer Program needs you!**

We would love to match you with the volunteer position that best serves the needs of the community and you. Stop by the Lane Volunteer Center, Bldg. 16005, located at the corner of Fort Hood Road and Old Ironsides Avenue, or call 287-VOLS (8657) or 286-5913.

### **Army Family Action Plan**

Your voice will be heard on your concerns about quality of life issues if you participate in the AFAP Conference held annually on Fort Hood. Call 287-AFAP OR 287-VOLS for more information.



## Travis Fund

### **“Tomorrow’s college for the children of today’s heroes”**

The Travis Fund is designed to provide financial support for the post-high school education of all children whose parent or legal guardian listed Texas as their residence of record at the time of their death for serving in the US military in Afghanistan or Iraq. The fund will help cover the costs of housing, fees, and other support for these children if they pursue their higher education. The Travis Fund is administered by the Austin Community Foundation. If you would like to donate, log on at <http://www.austincommunityfoundation.org/?nd=donation>.

## Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery

The new Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen officially opened on 3 January 2006. It is the first of 7 State Veterans Cemeteries planned for the State of Texas. The cemetery is located on State Highway 195 about 8 miles south of Highway 190.

The cemetery has a total of 174 acres and will be capable of providing approximately 50,000 burial places for veterans, their spouses and eligible dependent children. Phase 1 covers 62 acres, including an information center, committal shelter, columbarium, assembly area for ceremonies, 6500 in-ground burial places, as well as an administration building. Phase II will be implemented when there is a need for additional burial sites.

The cemetery, unlike its national counterparts in Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, and El Paso, is pre-registering veterans, their spouses and eligible minor dependents. A copy of the final DD214 or discharge paper, copy of marriage certificate, or spouse's military ID card is all that is needed for the cemetery staff to determine eligibility for burial.

Additional information on the cemetery or eligibility can be obtained by contacting the cemetery at 254-616-1770 or by visiting the website at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

## Army Career And Alumni Program (ACAP)

### **Are you currently retired and looking for a job?**

If you are within two years of retirement or currently retired, the Fort Hood ACAP Center provides extended eligibility timeframes for use of ACAP XXI services! Army retirees and their family members may now use the system on a space available basis for the rest of their lives. Don't forget our job fairs, too! We are located in the Copeland Soldiers Service Center, BLDG 18010, or call the ACAP Center for more information: 254-288-ACAP (2227) or 254-288-JOBS (5627) or visit our web page at [www.acap.army.mil](http://www.acap.army.mil) for job opportunities all over the world.

## Troops to Teachers

### **Texas Troops to Teachers Going Strong!**

The Texas Troops to Teachers (TTT) Program still has great news for retirees of all military services, National Guard and Reserves; no matter when they retired! All retirees with a bachelor's degree who want to become teachers are eligible for the program. Texas leads the nation in the number of our retirees who have made the transition into the classroom, with over 1440 hired across the state. If you have always wanted to become a teacher and have at least a bachelor's degree, TTT can provide the assistance you need to achieve certification and begin a new career in teaching. For more information on the TTT Program, please contact the state coordinator, Meryl Kettler, in Austin at 1-800-810-5484 or (512) 919-5484.

## Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR)

### ***Retirees can enjoy many activities right in their own backyard at Fort Hood!***

### ***DMWR offers many recreational programs for retired and active duty soldiers and their families.***

The Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center is open to the public, all military ranks welcome. Call 532-5073 for information and reservations.

Retirees can hunt on the spacious grounds of Fort Hood. This is the largest hunting area in Texas. Hunter's must pass the Hunter Education Course. For more information, call 532-4552.

## Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DMWR) (Continued)

Check out Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA)! Take a guided fishing tour or bring the grandkids to the youth fishing derby. Delight in a moonlight cruise around the lake or just enjoy the sunshine. Rent a cabin or park your RV at BLORA. Also, a favorite Central Texas holiday tradition returns to BLORA. **"Nature in Lights"** runs from November 2006 to early January 2007. A holiday event you do not want to miss! For more information on Nature in Lights, Park Entry Fees or other BLORA Activities call: BLORA Reservation Office, 254-287-2523

The Courses of Clear Creek are your very own country club, located off of Clear Creek Road. Visit this course for golfing at its best! Open to the public. Lunch specials are available at the Clubhouse Grill Monday through Friday. Call 254-287-4130 for tee times and information.

Take a gamble and play BINGO at the Community Events Center. Enjoy the camaraderie of other retirees and current soldiers. Play bingo six days a week. This facility is non-smoking and offers large progressive jackpots. For more information, call 254-532-9253.

**Come out and enjoy Retiree Appreciation Days and take advantage of great specials around Fort Hood. There are so many ways to play everyday with Fort Hood MWR!**

## Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center Notes

### ***Pharmacy News***

The Pharmacy at the Clear Creek Post Exchange is for patients that have phone in refill prescriptions. Wait times vary, depending on the day of the week. **To refill by telephone 24 hours a day:** (254) 288-8911, 288-8912, 288-8917, 288-8918, 286-7295, 286-7296; Toll-free (Outside local calling area ) 1-800-351-3636  
Main Outpatient Pharmacy: The Main Outpatient Pharmacy is located in the basement of the hospital. New prescriptions, including those written by civilian providers (for medications that are stocked) are dispensed from this pharmacy.

#### Main Outpatient Pharmacy Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturdays, Holidays, and Training Holidays: 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Sunday: Closed

Questions or comments, call 254-288-8800 Pharmacy Telephone: 254-288-8801

### ***Health Care Advisory Council***

The Health Care Advisory Council meets every fourth Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's auditorium, room 0710. The meeting is open to the community.

## Sources Of Information

**Army Echoes is available online! Log on at <http://armyg1.army.mil/retire>.** This site is full of information for those preparing to retire and those already retired and also their family members.

### ***Websites That May Interest You***

AAFES website – [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com)

Commissary website – [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

Medicare Benefits – Medicare Part B: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

Senior Pharmacy benefit - 1-877-DoD-MEDS or [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

TRICARE Information Service - [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

TRICARE For Life - [www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa/).

TRICARE For Life Fact Sheet: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=294>

TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy Program-[www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE)

TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program – [www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy)

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center web site - [www.hood-meddac.army.mil](http://www.hood-meddac.army.mil)

DEERS-Verify Eligibility- [www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers)

Kilauea, HI Recreation Center: <http://www.kmc-volcano.com>

Military Facilities: <http://www.militaryliving.com>

## Sources Of Information (continued)

Federal Employee Health Benefit Plan: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/fehbp>  
 Defense Outplacement Referral System (DORS): <http://dod.jobsearch.org>  
 Department of the Army Retirement Services: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/mission.asp>  
 Update Address – DEERS: [www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress](http://www.TRICARE.osd.mil/DEERSAddress)  
 Social Security Administration: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
 EVetRecs (Request DD214, Medical Records (Non VA), Awards, Documentsetc):  
[http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/vetreecs/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetreecs/)  
 Request Cold War Certificate: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/coldwar/default.htm>  
 My Pay website (DFAS Retirement Pay): <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>  
 Space A Travel Information: <http://spacea.info/>  
 MWR Travel Website: <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel>  
 Arlington Cemetery Website: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/contents.htm>  
 AKO – Army Knowledge Online: [https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal\\_home.jhtml](https://www.us.army.mil/portal/portal_home.jhtml)  
 VGLI Online Account Access: [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)  
 Society for Military Widows: [www.militarywidows.org](http://www.militarywidows.org)  
 TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors): [www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)

### Useful Phone Numbers

TRICARE Service Center(South)	1-800-444-5445	Army Retired Pay Operations	1-800-321-1080
TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Prog.	1-866-363-8779	TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy	1-866-363-8667
TRICARE Information Line	1-888-363-2273	TRICARE Retiree Dental Prog.	1-888-838-8737
Army Retired Activities-HQDA	1-800-336-4909	Fort Hood Legal Service (SJA)	254-287-7901/3199
Legal Services-Dallas/Ft Worth	817-782-6007/6008	Army Retiree Mobilization	1-800-325-2660
Medicare	1-800-633-4227	Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213
Veterans Administration	1-800-827-1000	Ft Hood Guest House Reservations	254-532-5157
Texas Work Force Commission	1-800-939-6631	VA Hospital (Temple)	1-800-423-2111
Reserve Retirement	1-800-318-5298	Ft Hood Retirement Svcs	1-800-403-6640
Patient Appointment, DACH	1-800-305-6421	Pharmacy, DACH	1-800-351-3636
Senior Pharmacy Benefit	1-877-363-6337	VGLI Account Access	1-800-419-1473
Fort Hood ID Card Office	254-287-2518/5670	AAFES (Fort Hood)	254-532-7200
Society for Military Widows	1-800-842-3451	Commissary (Ft Hood I)	254-287-6648
TAPS	1-800-959-8277	Commissary (Ft Hood II)	254-287-8401
(Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors)		Fort Hood Information	254-287-1110

## Fort Hood Retiree Council

The Fort Hood Retiree Council convenes quarterly to assist Department of the Army and III Corps in identifying and resolving problems and needs of retirees, and also providing recommendations on policies and activities affecting retirees.

Listed below are the current Fort Hood Retiree Council Members. If you would like to contact anyone on the council, or become a member, please contact Retirement Services at (254) 287-5210 or 1-800-403-6640.

### Fort Hood Retiree Council Members

H.G. Pete Taylor, LTG US Army Retired, Chairman  
 Richard B. Cayton, CSM (US Army Retired), Vice Chairman

COL (RET) Ralph C. Gauer	SCPO (RET) Stephen R. Lubasky, USN
COL (RET) Joslyn V. Portmann	1SG (RET) Eugene Miller
COL (RET) Frank D. Somera	1SG (RET) Thomas R. Fisher
COL (RET) Chester H. Davis	MSG (RET) John W. Wood, SR., USAF
LTC (RET) Ronald L. Woodward	SFC (RET) Adrienne M. Evans-Quickley
CW3 (RET) George A. Hanger	MRS. Shirley J. Greathouse, Widow
CSM (RET) Frank Minosky	

MG (RET) Stewart C. Meyer, Associate Member  
 COL (RET) John W. Oliver Jr., USAF, Associate Member

## Retired Pay Information

**Retiree changes in address/status:** retirees are responsible for updating their pay file at DFAS-CL within one year of the event if they marry, remarry, are widowed or divorced and need to make or update an SBP election or beneficiary information (for unpaid allowances). Additionally, changes of address should be submitted, as they occur to ensure receipt of retiree pay, newsletters, 1099R forms, and retiree account statements. If communicating by fax, include your SSN on all pages and sign your request.

**Retiree requests for pay changes:** you may also start, stop, change allotments, change direct deposit information by calling the toll free number below. Communication should be made to:

**If in receipt or entitled to retired PAY:**

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
Cleveland Center  
PO Box 7130  
London, KY 40742-7130  
Telephone#: 1-800-321-1080 or 1-216-522-5955

**If in receipt or entitled to SBP:**

DFAS-US Military Annuitant Pay  
PO Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131  
Telephone #: 1-800-321-1080  
Fax#: 1-800-982-8459 (Annuitant Pay)

**DFAS-CL (Retired Pay) Toll Free Numbers: 1-800-321-1080 Fax: 1-800-469-6559**

## MyPay Information

### Check out MyPay Today!

In order to make pay changes online, print your Retiree Account Statement or 10099R and do so much more with your retiree pay. Log onto <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. Click on request pin number and one will be sent you in the mail. Once you receive your temporary PIN number you will be able to log in and choose your own PIN number. MyPay makes it easy for your to view and make changes to your pay with out having to wait on hold or mail in your changes. Try it today!

## Special TRICARE Information For New Retirees

### Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP)

Due to an error in a DOD data base, many retirees are being authorized medical care through the Transitional Assistance Management Program in violation of 32 Code of Federal Regulations. Action is on-going to resolve the issue; however, it is unknown when this situation will be resolved. Retirees who visit a TRICARE Service Center to enroll in Prime following their retirement should be aware that even though the application is not marked as TAMP, it will probably be used to enroll the retiree and their family into TAMP. If this occurs, you will receive a refund of the payment that was submitted with your enrollment application. If you receive a refund, you should immediately contact your personnel center to correct the DEERS information and contact the contractor in order to ensure your enrollment is resolved. Once you've contacted the contractor and DEERS is updated with the retiree information, you will need to re-submit the payment. Failure to do so will result in their status being changed to TRICARE Standard.

## RETIRED MILITARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS 27 OCTOBER 2006 OR FIRST 144 ENTRIES**

SEND ENTRY TO: Business Operations Division  
The Courses of Clear Creek  
P.O. Box K  
Fort Hood, Texas 76544

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ADDRESS)

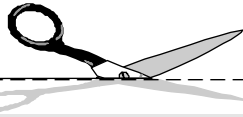
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(PHONE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: The Courses of Clear Creek.

I have my own cart: YES or NO Handicap \_\_\_\_\_ My age is \_\_\_\_\_

The entry fee will be \$28.00 this cost includes green fees, cart, and also includes \$5.00 toward purchase of prizes.

See page 4 of this newsletter for more tournament information or call (254) 287-4130/6921.



### Annual Retiree Round-Up Dinner Reservations

Reservations can be made by sending either a money order or check for the correct amount and returning with this form **NLT** 14 October 2005. For more information please call **254-526-9551**.

Send to: Retiree Round - Up  
Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 548  
Killeen, Texas 76540-0548

Please make our/my reservation under this name (Please list those attending the dinner so we can make nametags for the event):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone number if there is a question about my reservation: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(PHONE)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Will attend \$15.00 per person Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE MADE AT THE DOOR DUE TO NEED FOR AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT.**

**NAME AND RANK:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Retiree Appreciation Day Registration Form

If you plan to attend the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day, complete this form and mail to:

**COMMANDER  
III CORPS and FORT HOOD  
ATTN: RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5000**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(RANK)

Number of family members who will attend with you: \_\_\_\_\_

In compliance with the Privacy Act, my signature authorizes you to release the above information to personnel of the agencies I have checked below in order that they may prepare in advance to assist me on my visit to the Fort Hood Retiree Appreciation Day.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

NUMBER OF YEARS SERVICE WHEN RETIRED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE RETIRED: MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY FAIR SERVICES - I request counseling or assistance in one or more of the subjects listed below (please check appropriate boxes):**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. _____ Medical & Dental Info<br>(TRICARE, Dental,<br>Pharmacy, App.)                    | 4. _____ Veterans Affairs<br>_____ Disability Claims<br>_____ Education & Insurance Program   |
| 2. _____ Retirement Services<br>Installation Officer<br>(Retiree Pay, CRDP,<br>SBP, CRSC) | 5. _____ Adjutant General Services<br>_____ ID Cards (See Special Instruction)<br>_____ DEERS Enrollment  |
| 3. _____ SJA Section<br>_____ Legal Assistance<br>_____ Appt for Wills                    | 6. _____ Combat Related Special Compensation Application<br>Assistance (Please check date you think you will<br>come) – 27 Oct _____ 28 Oct _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to attend lunch in a Troop Dining Facility.  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4.10 cash, lunch, pay when served) (Price Subject To Change)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 18 OCTOBER 2005.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
COMMANDER  
III CORPS AND FORT HOOD  
ATTN: AFZF-GC-AG-RS  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5056

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

**THE ARMY RETIREMENT SERVICES EMBLEM:**

**LEGEND:** The time-honored seal of the Department of the Army represents the Army and its traditions. The annulet, symbol of completeness, stands for the completion of military service. The color of the annulet is olive drab in reference to the basic color of the Army field uniform and equipment. Stars are a national and military symbol. They are used on the coat of arms and the seal of the United States, as an identification of the United States on military equipment and on flags of Army officials as well as an insignia of rank for general officers.

